

one computer, where the at least one server stores group information, a virtual group of purchasers of lottery tickets, and lottery information on at least one lottery. The method according to the embodiment comprises the steps of (a) electronically purchasing the lottery tickets according to the group information and the lottery information; (b) communicating results of the lottery ticket purchases to the purchasers using the group information; and (c) repeating steps (a) and (b) according to the group information and the lottery information, unless any of the group information and the lottery information is caused to be changed.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to §1.121):

1. (Amended) A system for purchasing lottery tickets over the Internet comprising:

at least one server; and

at least one computer connected to the at least one server via the Internet;

wherein the at least one server hosts at least one virtual group of lottery ticket purchasers, the at least one server storing group information for the at least one virtual group;

wherein the at least one server stores lottery information about at least one lottery;

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a wherein the at least one server causes the lottery tickets to be purchased for the purchasers according to the group information and the lottery information; and

wherein the at least one server communicates results of the purchase of lottery tickets to the purchasers on the basis of the group information.

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a4 5. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the group information is changed by accessing the at least one server via the Internet.

6. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the lottery information is changed by accessing the at least one server via the Internet.

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a5 8. (Amended) A method for purchasing lottery tickets over the Internet in a system including at least one server and at least one computer, the at least one server storing group information, a virtual group of purchasers of lottery tickets, and lottery information on at least one lottery, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) electronically purchasing the lottery tickets according to the group information and the lottery information;

(b) communicating results of the lottery ticket purchasers to the

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purchasers using the group information; and

(c) repeating steps (a) and (b) according to the group information and the lottery information, unless any of the group information and the lottery information is changed.

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